

REMARKS

The Office Action mailed on November 3, 2006 was a restriction requirement, wherein the Examiner identified two inventions. The first identified invention was a method of switching packets. The second identified invention was a switching arrangement, i.e., structure.

It is submitted that the claims submitted with the original application included very broad structure claims and method claims, and that there was no previous restriction requirement. All claims were searched and examined. There was no election of claims per se. Claims 15-19 remained after other claims were cancelled due to substantive examination in a non-final Office Action. Accordingly, it is submitted that it is improper to limit the present examination to the former claims 15-19 when the claims previously examined included broad structure and method claims.

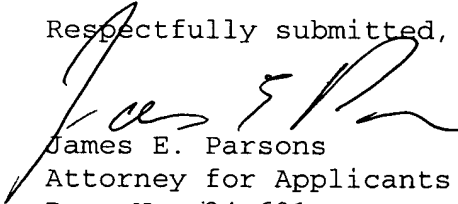
Herein, new claims 39 - 51 are presented that are within the first identified invention of a method of switching packets, without unnecessary limitations provided in the original claims 15-19. The new claims are well supported by the specification, and do not introduce new matter.

Accordingly, examination of claims 39-52 is requested.

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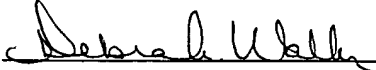
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